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CRIMES IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of incidents of cheating, looting and other crimes in the trains and at the stations ;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents reported during 2006-07 and the action taken in those cases, zone-wise ;

(c) whether connivance of railway employees in these incidents have been ascertained ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) the action taken by the Railways against those employees; and

(f) the measures taken by the Railways to check such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)&(b) : No, Sir. There is a decrease in the number of incidents of crimes reported in trains and at stations over Indian Railwaysduring the year 2006 as compared to the previous year 2005.

During the year 2006, in all 17,864 cases of crime viz. murder, attempt to murder, dacoity, robbery, cheating, thefts etc. were reported in trains and railway premises as against 19,058 such cases reported during the previous year 2005.

(c)to(e) : All cases of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the concerned Government Railway Police (GRP) of State Governments.

As and when involvement of any Railway employee in such cases is reported, departmental action is initiated against them in addition to prosecution by the Government Railway Police concerned.

(f): Following measures are being taken by the Railways to check such incidents:-

More than 2230 trains are being escorted on an average by Government Railway Police.

To effectively supplement the efforts of the Government Railway Police in controlling crime on the Railways, more than 1450 trains are being escorted on an average by Railway Protection Force after the amendments of the Railway Protection Force Act 1957 and the Railways Act 1989.

Suitable Public Awareness programmes are launched at sensitive and important Railway stations so that hapless passengers do not fall prey / victim of cheats and gangs indulging in drugging of passengers etc.

Regular co-ordination meetings with State Police and Government Railway Police authorities are held to discuss crime trends and formulate effective strategies to contain crimes.